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Columbus Division of Police

Special Commendation

presented to

Officer Karl Shaw

On June 12, 2013, the culmination of over a year and a half's work by Officer Karl Shaw, Officer Lawrence Geis, Officer Scott Clinger, Officer Eric Cornett, and Assistant City Attorney William Sperlazza resulted in the court-ordered closure of the Columbus Inn & Suites located on Zumstein Drive. The officers worked meticulously to document all of the criminal activity occurring and the individuals involved, secured and executed warrants, and seized drugs and firearms from within rooms. Mr. Sperlazza worked with the officers to advise them on how best to proceed to shut down the hotel using the nuisance abatement code and prepare for trial.

The officers and Mr. Sperlazza also helped the innocent residents who were displaced from the location to find alternative lodging and retrieve their belongings.

Officer Karl Shaw is awarded a Special Commendation for his diligence and dedication that resulted in the successful closure of a problem hotel. His actions reflect positively on him and the Columbus Division of Police.

Kimberley K. Jacobs
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Chief of Police

DIVISION OF POLICE

Intra-Divisional

September 26, 2013

TO: Officer Karl Shaw #1673
SRB, Enforcement North

FROM: Deputy Chief Thomas Quinlan #5009 *TAD*
Awards Committee Chairperson

SUBJECT: 2013 Awards Presentation Ceremony

On September 24, 2013, Commander Schrader's letter nominating you for a Division award was presented to the Awards Committee. Upon review, the committee voted to award you a Special Commendation. The Committee wishes to congratulate you on your achievement.

The formal ceremony will be at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, November 1, 2013, at 2:00pm in the James G. Jackson Columbus Police Academy auditorium at 1000 N. Hague Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43204. Plan to arrive by 1:30pm and you'll be directed to a classroom for instructions. Dress will be the long-sleeved uniform shirt and tie. Your family and friends are welcome to attend.

You must call (ext. 5-4932) or e-mail Officer Teresa Bowling in the Research & Development Unit by October 29, 2013 to confirm attendance.

TQ/tjb
xc: Personnel File

COLUMBUS DIVISION OF POLICE....ROUTING SHEET FOR CORRESPONDENCE

SUBJECT: Awards Recommendation

ORIGINATOR: Cmdr. Joseph A. Schrader #5011

ASSIGNMENT Patrol Zone 1

DATE: 6/13/2013

FORWARD TO: Acting D/C Joseph Schrader

ASSIGNMENT Patrol North

REMARKS: Recommend Approval

☐ Cont'd on backSIGNATURE: *Joseph A. Schrader*

DATE REC'D 7/15/2013

FORWARDED 7/15/2013

FORWARD TO: Awards Committee

ASSIGNMENT

REMARKS: *For full AC consideration*☐ Cont'd on backSIGNATURE: *O/C JB 5005*

DATE REC'D

FORWARDED

*7-16-13*FORWARD TO: *TRACY BOWLING*

ASSIGNMENT

REMARKS:

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FINAL DISPOSITION: *Awards Committee voted for Special Commendations for POs & a Mentor as Public Sec for civilian on 9/24/13. To Personnel for Master file.*ORIGINATING PERSON ADVISED BY: *T. Bowling #1100*

NAME

NOTIFIED VIA *copy*DATE *9/30/13*☐ CD/DVD (#) ATTACHMENTS

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COLUMBUS DIVISION OF POLICE....ROUTING SHEET FOR CORRESPONDENCE

SUBJECT: Award Recommendations

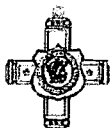
ORIGINATOR: Commander Joseph A. Schrader #5011 ASSIGNMENT Patrol Zone 1 DATE: 6/13/2013

FORWARD TO:	Acting Deputy Chief Suzanne Curmode #5020	ASSIGNMENT	Patrol North
REMARKS:	To LT's Kemmerling AND Bartholow for review/comment. (RETURN upon completion.)		
SIGNATURE:	Cmdr J Curmode 5020	DATE REC'D	6-14-13
		FORWARDED	6-14-13
FORWARD TO:	LT. KEMMERLING SGT. STANDLEY	ASSIGNMENT	SRB/ENF. CLO
REMARKS:	RECOMMEND APPROVAL. CLOSING & CLEVER HAVE WORKED CONSISTENTLY IN MULTIPLE AREAS OF THIS ONGOING BUREAU. THIS CLOSURE HAS MANY POSITIVE TO THE AREA AND SURROUNDING AREAS. OUTSTANDING SUCCESS FOR APPROVAL		
SIGNATURE:	St. Standley SGT	DATE REC'D	6/17/13
		FORWARDED	6/25/13
FORWARD TO:	SGT. WILLIAMS	ASSIGNMENT	SRB-ENF AREA
REMARKS:	RECOMMEND APPROVAL		
SIGNATURE:	Douglas J Williams 5159	DATE REC'D	6-27-13
		FORWARDED	7-2-13
FORWARD TO:	LT. KEMMERLING	ASSIGNMENT	SRB-ENFORCEMENT
REMARKS:	I RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF AWARDS FOR ALL NOMINEES. THEIR ACTION HAD A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE AREA AS EVIDENCED BY THE OBTAINED NEWS STORY.		
SIGNATURE:	LT R Z R / SGT	DATE REC'D	7-5-13
		FORWARDED	7-5-13
FORWARD TO:	LT. BARTHOLOW	ASSIGNMENT	SRB-CLO
REMARKS:	RECOMMEND APPROVAL ALL OFFICERS DO AN OUTSTANDING JOB ON THE INVESTIGATION - CLOSURE OF THE 1691		
SIGNATURE:	Bartholow SGT	DATE REC'D	7/8/13
		FORWARDED	7/8/13
FORWARD TO:	Cmdr Suzanne Curmode 5020	ASSIGNMENT	SRB
REMARKS:	I ALSO RECOMMEND approval - this was an outstanding effort by ALL INVOLVED. TO Awards Committee.		
SIGNATURE:	Cmdr J Curmode 5020	DATE REC'D	7-8-13
		FORWARDED	7-8-13
FINAL DISPOSITION:			
ORIGINATING PERSON ADVISED BY:			
		NAME	NOTIFIED VIA
		DATE	

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Award Recommendation

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NAME OF NOMINEE(S) RECOMMENDED FOR AWARD	BADGE	RANK	ASSIGNMENT
Karl D. Shaw <i>A</i>	1673	PO	SRB
Lawrence E. Geis <i>B</i>	1510	PO	SRB
Scott B. Clinger <i>C</i>	494	PO	SRB
INCIDENT DATE	INCIDENT TIME	INCIDENT LOCATION	
6/12/13	12:00 p.m.	6121 Zumstein Drive Columbus Ohio	
NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF WITNESSES			
Eric C. Cornett #1563, PO, SRB <i>D</i>			
William Sperlazza, Assistant City Attorney, 375 S. High Street 7th floor, Columbus Ohio 43215 Phone(614)-645-7479			
TYPE OF AWARD REQUESTED			
<input type="checkbox"/> Medal of Valor <input type="checkbox"/> Purple Heart <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Commendation <input type="checkbox"/> Silver Cross <input type="checkbox"/> Medal of Merit <input type="checkbox"/> Commendation (Citizen) <input type="checkbox"/> Distinguished Service <input type="checkbox"/> Blue Star <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Meritorious Public Service			
<input type="checkbox"/> Safe Driving (This officer has no chargeable accidents during the listed dates and should be issued the following award.)			
1 st Award (3 year) / / to / / (Eligibility begins upon graduation from the Training Academy.)			
2 nd Award (5 year) / / to / / (Two additional, consecutive years of accident-free driving after receiving 1 st award.)			
3 rd + Award (5 year) / / to / /			
NARRATIVE			
<p>Please give a brief, but detailed, description of the incident for which you are nominating the individual(s). Include any injuries, suspect/victim information, court case numbers, and any fire or other reports associated with the incident.</p> <p>On Wednesday, June 12, 2013 the Columbus Inn and Suites (CI&S) located at 6121 Zumstein Drive was closed by court order after a year and a half of work by Officer's Shaw, Cornett, Geis and Clinger. Columbus Police had been dispatched to this hotel 497 times between January 1, 2012 and March 19, 2013. The above mentioned officers worked closely with Columbus City Attorney William Sperlazza in getting this court order to shut the motel down.</p> <p>Officer's Geis and Clinger provided the City Attorney with all the documentation needed for the court and made all the arrangements as well as going with the Fire Marshall's, Code Enforcement and Health Inspectors when they would come out to Columbus Inn and Suites to do their inspections. Officer's Geis and Clinger took the steps to set up the initial meeting with Mr. Sperlazza and SRB Enforcement Detectives Shaw and Cornett to discuss how to best proceed to shut down this problem location using the nuisance abatement code. Officer's Geis and Clinger would then act as a liaison between all the parties while this investigation was going on and also testified at the trial.</p> <p>Between Feb 21 2013 and May 30 2013 Detectives Shaw and Cornett went to the CI&S at least 12 times. 9 of these resulted in direct buys of crack cocaine or heroin from within a room at the CI&S. 3 of these were instances where Det. Shaw and Cornett had obtained warrants and executed them. The buys were extremely valuable to the case because (a) they came from inside rooms, not curtilage, (b) Det. Shaw was able to place himself in a hallway so as to observe some of the transactions. The warrant entries were valuable as well. On the first entry Detectives Shaw and Cornett seized a large amount of heroin as well as firearms--the occupants were also associated with specific gangs, which played well in court. The warrants were also valuable because they served as further proof of notice to the owner of what was going on at the hotel; twice a copy of the warrant was left with the owner himself, which really strengthens an important "notice" element of our case. Detectives Shaw and Cornett was also involved with the Human Trafficking Taskforce that resulted in the May 12 2012 arrest of 4 individuals for, among other things, Trafficking in Persons, at the CI&S.</p>			

Detectives Shaw and Cornett also went above and beyond by meeting with Mr. Sperlazza, County prosecutors, potential lay witnesses around Franklin County and beyond, and with various investigators within CPD; including obtaining phone records and gang affiliation information. Detectives Shaw and Cornett were also great with the innocent "residents" who were displaced on the date when CI&S was closed down. Polite, professional, took names and contact info of people who were being screwed over by the owner by (a) not refunding those who were paid up through the month, and (b) not putting them up in his other crappy hotel next door that was nearly empty.

Then, a few people came to the hotel later in the day that had been at work all day and come "home" to find all of their belongings locked up. City Attorney Sperlazza arranged for board up crew to come out the next morning at 9AM to allow them to gather their belongings; Det Shaw goes out to meet them today at 9AM to escort them into the building, make sure everything is OK and safe. Detective Shaw updated Mr. Sperlazza via text all morning.

It is with great privilege to nominate Officer's Shaw, Cornett, Geis and Clinger for the Special Commendation Medal and Ribbon. The Officers all showed great perseverance, compassion and professionalism in accomplishing this mission. I further nominate City Attorney William Sperlazza for the Meritorious Public Service Award for his dedication and perserverance in shutting down this problem hotel.

☐ NARRATION CONTINUED ON OTHER SIDE.

SIGNATURE OF PERSON MAKING RECOMMENDATION	BADGE/IBM	ASSIGNMENT	DATE
<i>Comdr. Joseph R. Schuch</i> 5011	5011	Commander Patrol Zone 1	6/13/13

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Hotel Closure Has Improved North Side Neighborhood, Residents Say

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By: Mike Bowersock - email

COLUMBUS, Ohio - The Columbus Inn and Suites near state Route 161 and Interstate 71 was closed by the city about a week ago.

In just that short period of time, nearby residents say there is an obvious improvement.

Kelvin Walls, the president of the Northland Park Estates Civic Association. He says he lives a few miles from the hotel and says its closing led to changes almost immediately.

"Big difference," said Walls. "Noise level, traffic, the police runs, I have a friend of mine who also is on the police force and he kind of keeps me informed with the precinct we are in and we're in 18, and it definitely makes a big difference in this precinct."

The hotel had been a problem for the area for years, they had tried to get it shut down for years, and now, in a matter of ten days, the problems from the hotel seem to be going away.

Neighbors say what happened in the hotel affected the surrounding area.

"Drugs, prostitution, all kinds of different things go on, people actually live in there, short term stay or long term stay, there was all kinds of activities going on in there," said Walls.

Police officers say there were runs to the vacant hotel daily.

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